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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION

1. CANCELLATION, which you have seen, proposes essentially that planning and operational facilities be established for the purpose of working out and putting into effect measures to cause disruption, if not destruction, of the present regime in Russia upon Stalin's death.

2. Assuming that this objective, and the general means proposed, of trying to accomplish this are consistent with national policy (I understand that the State Department has decided this question in the affirmative), our office feels that this plan has been thought through sufficiently to merit the establishment in OPC of the planning section which is recommended in the Appendix. This section should be located in the Policy and Strategic Plans Branch and should be charged with development of planning details of the proposed operation, this with the understanding that no operations would take place until these plans had been approved by State and Defense.

3. I therefore recommend that you authorize us to distribute copies of CANCELLATION to the other members of NPSB and that you take the position suggested above when the matter comes up for action.

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